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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of:)
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Ulrich Stache et al.) Group Art Unit: 1616
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Application No.: 08/897,455) Examiner: B. Badio
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CPA Filed: May 31, 2001)

For: Corticoid-17,21-dicarboxylic esters and corticosteroid 17-carboxylic ester 21-carbonic esters, processes for their preparation and pharmaceuticals containing these compounds

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Request for Oral Hearing

Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.194(b), Appellants request an oral hearing. This request is timely since it is made within two-months after the Examiner's Answer, mailed on October 18, 2002.

A check for the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(d) of \$280.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this Request and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: December 10, 2002

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